

PROGRAM & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

July 19, 2018, 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

601 Texas Street, Suite 210, Fairfield, CA 94533

CALL TO ORDER

I. Introductions, Public Comment, Commissioner Comment

II. Consent Calendar

Action

- A. Approve the July 19, 2018 PCE Committee Meeting Agenda
- B. Approve the March 15, 2018 PCE Committee Meeting Minutes

III. Immigration Update

Information/Discussion

Discuss immigration issues and the separation of families in Solano County
Juanita Morales, Program Manager, Ana Dineen, Voces Unidas

IV. 2018-2023 Program Investment Plan Update

Information

Receive an update on the roll out of the 2018-2023 Program Investment Plan
Megan Richards, Deputy Director

V. Program Update

Information/Discussion

Receive an update on Community Engagement Activities
Juanita Morales, Program Manager

VI. Future Agenda Items, Meeting Time/Date/Location

Information

The Program and Community Engagement Committee is scheduled to meet next on September 6, 2018 2:00 PM, at 601 Texas Street, Suite 210, Fairfield, CA. Future agenda items include: Community Engagement Update and Early Learning System Activities

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First 5 Solano Children and Families Commission

Program & Community Engagement Committee

March 15, 2018, 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

601 Texas Street, Suite 210, Fairfield, CA

Minutes

I. Introductions, Commissioner Comment, Public Comment

Commissioner Ayala called the meeting to order at 2:06pm.

Commissioners present: Dan Ayala, Aaron Crutison

First 5 Solano Staff present: Michele Harris (Executive Director), Juanita Morales (Program Manager), Gene Ibe (Program Manager), and Andrew Boatright (Office Assistant III)

Members of the public present: Susan Ferdinandi (Children's Network), Lisa Eckhoff (Solano County Office of Education), Dinora Corrie (Fighting Back Partnership), Mark Mora (Fighting Back Partnership)

Commissioner Comment: None

Public Comment: None

II. Consent Calendar

A. Approve the March 15, 2018 Program & Community Engagement Meeting Agenda

Motion: Approve the Program & Community Engagement Meeting Agenda for March 15, 2018

Moved by Commissioner Crutison; Seconded by Commissioner Ayala

Approved 2-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Ayala, Crutison

Nay: None

Abstain: None

B. Approve the November 16, 2017 Program & Community Engagement Meeting Minutes

Motion: Approve the Program & Community Engagement Meeting Minutes for November 16, 2017

Moved by Commissioner Crutison; Seconded by Commissioner Ayala

Approved 2-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Ayala, Crutison

Nay: None
Abstain: None

III. Unallocated Funds

Michele Harris recapped the unallocated funds discussion from previous commission meetings, listing the two funding recommendations regarding unallocated funding opportunities – targeting services for children with special needs and early literacy.

Commissioner Crutison asked what had been done previously for children with disabilities. Ms. Harris noted that the commission has funded via the co-sponsorship fund to perform training related to children with disabilities in the community. Commissioner Crutison also asked if there was work being performed throughout the community, as the perception in the community is there is not a focus on services related to children with disabilities and if that perception was accurate. Ms. Harris commented that there has not been a coordinated effort in this arena, but that the trainings conducted by SCOE through this funding can act as a resource for parents and providers to find providers trained with an inclusive lens in mind.

Motion A: Approve an allocation of \$10,000 annually for 2 fiscal years (FY2018/19 and FY2019/20) to Solano County Office of Education to expand child care provider trainings via the IMPACT quality improvement program to provide trainings to support inclusion of children with special needs in child care sites (source funds: 2018-2023 Program Investment Plan, Unallocated Funds)

Moved by Commissioner Crutison; Seconded by Commissioner Ayala

Approved 2-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Ayala, Crutison

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Original Motion B: Approve an allocation of \$75,000 annually for 3 fiscal years (FY2018/19 through FY2020/21) to Solano County Office of Education to provide the Raising a Reader program across Solano County, with targeted focus on Vallejo, Rio Vista (source of funds: 2018-2023 Program Investment Plan, Unallocated Funds)

Ms. Harris noted a current infrastructure within F5CA quality improvement funds regarding early literacy efforts. Ms. Harris explained that SCOE would be leveraging existing IMPACT resources to launch an early literacy program with an initial investment for book purchases with a potential to reach 1,000 child readers as the years progress.

Commissioner Ayala asked if the motion could be amended to include Dixon as a city listed, noting that the original request included the cities of Vallejo, Rio Vista, and Dixon as the targeted focus of this funding effort.

Commissioner Crutison stated that he appreciated the Raising a Reader program affordability, scale and outcomes.

Amended Motion B: Approve an allocation of \$75,000 annually for 3 fiscal years (FY2018/19 through FY2020/21) to Solano County Office of Education to provide the Raising a Reader program across Solano County, with targeted focus on

Vallejo, Rio Vista, and Dixon (source of funds: 2018-2023 Program Investment Plan, Unallocated Funds)

Moved by Commissioner Crutison; Seconded by Commissioner Ayala

Approved 2-0-0

Yea: Commissioners Ayala, Crutison

Nay: None

Abstain: None

IV. FY2017/18 Mid-Year Report

Juanita Morales gave a report regarding the performance of grantees through December 2017. Ms. Morales listed performance measures met as 70%. Ms. Morales described the process of performance measures and compliance action plans and how interactions with grantees and contract managers are handled per First 5 Solano policy. Harris noted that at this time no grantees are considered within Compliance Action Plan thresholds.

Commissioner Crutison asked if the committee could hear about Benicia FRC's status. Gene Ibe spoke about the conversations with Benicia and the plans and strategies being taken as they move into 3rd quarter.

V. Contract Updates

Ms. Ibe recounted the report given at the last PCE Meeting regarding the Compliance Action Plan for Fighting Back Partnership.

Commissioner Crutison asked Fighting Back Partnership staff what the challenges were regarding services. Mark Mora responded that many clients that are lifted out of a crisis, and do not want to remain in contact with case managers. Mr. Mora described changes in training and strategies to remain in contact to keep case management connections strong. Dinora Corrie commented that incentives are used to maintain contact but are case specific.

Ms. Ibe provided an update regarding the status of Dixon Family Services contract. Ms. Ibe noted that the Compliance Action Plan ended in last fiscal year with the agreement to modify the contract to decrease performance measures and did not meet those measures in a timely manner and has since been modified to a fee-for-service contract.

VI. Program Update

A. Community Engagement Activities

Juanita Morales shared that the First 5 Community Express Van had two opportunities to interact with Solano County communities including the Solano County Fair and the Vallejo Farmer's Market.

Ms. Harris noted that First 5 Solano has utilized the Executive Director's Fund to create a child space with similarly modeled enrichment activities at the Imagine That! facility in Vacaville.

B. Early Learning System Activities

Ms. Morales shared that a Quality Counts Consortia meeting was held which staff attended, affording them a chance to learn more regarding the QRIS used across California; topics focused on increasing alignment across the state.

Ms. Harris noted that across California there will be a focus on one part of the QRIS and noted that leadership from California Department of Education will help set the tone for how the interaction between First 5, California Department of Education, and local commissions interact with programs using the QRIS.

VII. Future Agenda Items, Meeting Time/Date/Location

The Program & Community Engagement Committee is scheduled to meet next on Thursday, May 3, 2018, 2:00 PM at 601 Texas Street, Suite 210 Fairfield, CA. Future agenda items include: Community Engagement Update and Early Learning System Activities

Adjourn

Commissioner Dan Ayala adjourned the meeting at 2:55pm.

Andrew Boatright, Office Assistant III

Approved:

DATE: July 16, 2018

TO: Dan Ayala, Program & Community Engagement Committee (PCE) Chair
Aaron Crutison and Lisette Estrella-Henderson, PCE Members

FROM: First 5 Solano Staff

SUBJECT: Program and Community Engagement Committee Meeting Staff Report

Agenda Item III: Immigration Update

At the June 5, 2018 Commission meeting the Commission asked to receive more information on immigration issues and the status of children being separated from their families. First 5 Solano staff reached out to Ana Dineen, community member for Voces Unidas to present a discussion on immigration issues as related to the separation of families in Solano County. Melida Carrillo, treasurer for Voces Unidas will provide some personal insight and Miriam Sammartino, Immigration Attorney and Executive Director of Catholic Charities, will also provide more details as related to legal issues surrounding this cause.

Agenda Item IV: 2018-2023 Program Investment Plan Update

In December 2017, the Commission approved its 2018-2023 Program Investment Plan (PIP). In support of the plan, the Commission approved its FY2018/19 Budget in March 2018, and approved numerous contracts in April and June 2018. This update is to provide the Committee with information on the status of new programs and funding that has not yet been allocated.

Priority 1-Health & Well-Being:

Increase Well-Child Checks-In the Commission's PIP, the Commission allocated \$100,000 annually toward increasing rates of attendance at well-child visits. In April 2018, Megan Richards, Deputy Director, and Gerald Huber, H&SS Director and First 5 Solano Commissioner, met with Partnership HealthPlan of California (Solano's Medi-Cal Managed Care plan), who provided some additional data and potential programmatic investments to address this issue. In the FY2018/19 County Budget, \$150,000 was approved for Solano Coalition for Better Health to provide outreach and education services to increase well-baby visits. As these new resources are larger than what the Commission had available, and were not available during the Commission's decision-making process for funding allocation, staff recommend revisiting this allocation.

Developmental Screenings-The Commission is currently co-funding two contracts (Uplift Family Services and Child Haven) for developmental screenings through home visiting while more

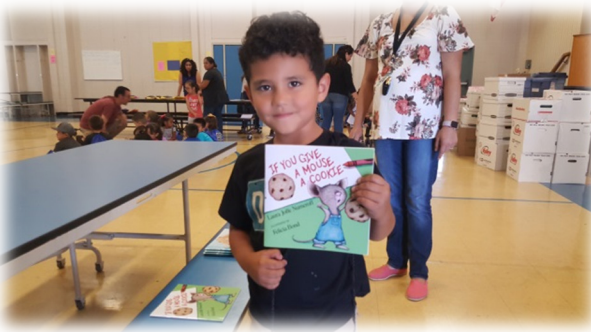
universal strategies are being pursued. Based on some changes within early childhood mental health treatment services, beginning in early FY2018/19, Uplift Family Services will no longer be taking new 0-5 clients for early childhood mental health treatment services and they will focus on services for children ages 6-21. Based on this change, Child Haven will be increasing their early childhood mental health treatment services for ages 0-5. Because of these changes in treatment services, Uplift Family Services would like to transition their developmental screening contract to Child Haven who is willing to take on the contract. This can likely be done through a re-assignment of contract and does not need to go back to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Staff will bring an update back to the Commission as this contract transitions.

The Commission had allocated \$300,000 in one-time funding toward implementing a system to conduct universal developmental screenings in community clinics via iPads. Based on conversations with community clinics, they do not have the capacity to move forward at this time. Staff have been brainstorming on other ways to conduct universal developmental screenings and has met with Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) staff to discuss the possibility of conducting developmental screenings for children receiving WIC. WIC is interested and is currently looking at their resources to determine if they are able to move forward with project planning for implementation.

Triple P Positive Parent Program-Community providers, along with First 5 Solano and Mental Health Services Act staff met in the first Triple P Solano collaborative meeting on July 10. Providers introduced themselves and got to know the other providers within the collaborative. Additionally, Level 2 Training (workshops) was also held last week with 20 attendees at the 2-day training. Attendees have about a month to practice their skills and study before their accreditation in August. Level 4 Standard Training (individual intensive) is scheduled to begin the end of July.

Priority 2-Early Childhood Learning and Development:

Pre-Kindergarten Academies-2018 Pre-K Academies are wrapping up, but there is still time to visit an active session! Please let Juanita Morales know if you would like to see early learning in action. Of note this year: H&SS dental assistants were able to visit a number of academies to conduct dental screenings and provide oral education; thanks to a matching grant from Reading is Fundamental, each child was able to take home 6 books to help prepare them for kindergarten and teachers were provided 20 books to keep in the classroom; and each child



received a kit with school basics, such as pencils, crayons, and scissors to start their new school year off right!

Quality Early Learning-Solano County Office of Education (SCOE) continues to implement the IMPACT quality early learning program by providing coaching and other support to early learning sites, including preschools and family childcare homes. Beginning in FY2018/19, using additional funding from the Commission from the unallocated funds in the PIP, SCOE will be providing training focusing on providing care to children with special needs. In addition, SCOE will be rolling out Raising a Reader at IMPACT sites to encourage early literacy skills.

Priority 3-Family Support and Parent Education:

Triple P Positive Parent Program-This initiative crosses two of the Commissions Priority areas— See update above.

Family Support-Based on the Commission's direction of focusing on the highest risk communities of Vallejo and Rio Vista, staff are continuing to pursue a location in Vallejo for the First 5 Center. At FY2018/19 Budget Hearings, the Board of Supervisors allocated \$200,000 toward tenant improvements for the First 5 Center. Staff have met with an architect who designed a First 5 Center in Contra Costa to discuss interior space design. Staff have also met with H&SS administrators to begin discussing on-site partnerships. Staff anticipate requesting approval to negotiate for the property from the Board of Supervisors in early August. In addition, staff will be bringing a motion to the full Commission in August regarding allocating funding for the space. In addition, staff is continuing to pursue funding partners for ongoing operations at the First 5 Center.

All Priorities

Annual Grants-The seven Annual Grants the Commission allocated funding to in June are underway! Staff look forward to reporting back to the Commission the outcomes of this new program. In addition, staff will be bringing back a recommendation on how to allocate the additional \$80,139 that was not allocated through the Request for Applications process.

Unallocated-In the PIP, the Commission had \$127,000 in unallocated funds and asked staff to come back with a recommendation in the areas of dental, early literacy, and training for providers in care for children with special needs. The latter two are both being provided by SCOE (see update in Priority 2) for a total of \$85,000 annually. For dental, Solano County H&SS has been undergoing a planning process for new funding that has been provided by Proposition 56 (\$2 tobacco tax initiated in 2017). First 5 Solano staff have been participating and keeping updated in this planning process, hoping to come back with a recommendation on how to compliment the work that will be done with that funding. However, it is likely that the planning for that funding will not be completed until the end of FY2018/19. Therefore, staff have approached WIC to discuss if there is an opportunity to partner around providing dental services in the meantime. WIC is very interested in providing something for their clients for dental care.

Staff will be reconvening with WIC in early August to discuss what this might look like and will bring back a recommendation to the Commission.

Conclusion: Overall, many of the Commission's initiatives in the 2018-2023 Program Investment Plan are well underway at the start of FY2018/19. Staff will continue to bring updates as new programs are rolling out.

Agenda item V: Program Updates

Community Engagement: First 5 Solano has awarded \$7,800 of its \$10,000 in FY2017/18 community engagement funds to support events in the community targeting families with children 0-5. Some of the awards went to organizations to hold events such as National Night Out, Community Baby Shower's, and Community Health Fairs. This year, six awards were granted to family child care providers to hold parent education and kindergarten readiness activities.

First 5 Solano hosted the Giant Sandbox at the Solano County Fair the weekend of June 30-July 1, 2018. Community volunteers along with First 5 staff engaged with families as their kids played in the sandbox and dug for seashells in exchange for prizes. Over 100 families and children stopped by for some rest and relaxation under the shaded sandbox to watch their little ones play and get information on programs that provide services to children in the community. Big thanks to Commissioner Nicole Neff for helping out at the table and Commissioner Erin Hannigan and her staff for coming by to support First 5 Solano.

